An Act

Passed by the Great and General Court or Assembly of His Majesty's Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* in *New-England*: Begun and Held at *Boston* upon Wednesday the twenty-eighth Day of *May*, 1755. And continued by sundry Prorogations to Wednesday the Eleventh Day of *December* following and then met.

CHAP. XVIII.

An Act making Provision for the Inhabitants of *Nova-Scotia* sent hither from that Government, and lately arrived in this Province.

Preamble.

WHEREAS divers of the Inhabitants and Families of Nova-Scotia *have been sent by Order of the Governour and Council of that Province to this Government, and to prevent their suffering, have been permitted to land, and a Committee was appointed by the Great and General Court of this Province to dispose of them in such Manner as should be least inconvenient to the Province, which Committee have accordingly disposed of them in divers Towns within the same, where they have been supported in a great Measure by said Towns, it having been found impracticable for many of them to support themselves:*

Sessions, Justices and Selectmens Power relating to the Inhabitants of *Nova-Scotia*.

Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governour, Council and House of Representatives, That the Courts of General Sessions of the Peace and the Justices of the Peace in the several Counties and the Overseers of the Poor, or the Select-Men of the several Towns, where said Inhabitants or Families may have been disposed of as aforesaid, are hereby directed, authorized and impowered to employ, bind out or support said Inhabitants of *Nova-Scotia* in like Manner as by Law they would have been impowered to do, were they the Inhabitants of this Province.

Select-men or Overseers to take an Account of the Charges of their Support,

And be it further enacted, That the Select-Men or Overseers of the Poor in the several Towns in this Government where they have been disposed of as aforesaid, shall keep an exact Account of the necessary and unavoidable Charges they have been or may be at for their Support, until the tenth Day of *April* next, and shall transmit the same to the Secretary's Office for Payment, and in order to ascertain the Sum advanced by this Government for the Service and Safety of *Nova-Scotia* as aforesaid.

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